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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

“The path to our destination is not always a straight one. We go down the wrong road, we get lost, we turn back. Maybe it doesn't matter which road we embark on. Maybe what matters is that we embark.” ~ Barbara Hall (Northern Exposure, Rosebud, 1993)

Friday, April 11, 2008

South Bend Community Re-entry Center's Celebrate Recovery program recently hosted a cookout and concert featuring Brian Neal. Brian is a well-known Christian singer and has done several Celebrate Recovery concerts around the country. Celebrate Recovery is a Christian organization that provides substance abuse addiction programming.

The Inside Out Dads program at Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility recently helped clean up the Dekalb County 4-H fairgrounds following a period of flooding as part of a community service project aimed at having a positive impact on children.

Students from St. Joseph's College visited and toured Camp Summit to learn about the boot camp's mission as it relates to their criminal justice class. Camp Summit's management team presented a program overview and responded to students' questions, and some of the students expressed interest in working for the Department in the future.

The Northwest Times recently published an article on former NBA player Winston Garland and the Indiana State Prison offender basketball team. Garland is a recreation leader at the prison, and retired from the NBA after the 1994-95 season.

The Culinary Arts vocational program at the Plainfield Re-entry Educational Facility (PREF) recently prepared a meal for staff of Plainfield Correctional Facility, Reception Diagnostic Center, and PREF. In all, sixty-seven staff attended the luncheon.

Members of the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility Community Advisory Board met to discuss upcoming events and the facility's overall impact on the community.

Reception Diagnostic Center again teamed up with the Indiana Blood Center to host a blood drive, where staff members “gave their right arm” to help save lives.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility Aquaponics Program recently donated thirty pounds of tilapia fish and approximately three pounds of parsley to the Operation Love Food Bank in Anderson.

Seventeen students from the “Prisons and Justice in the United States” class at DePauw University recently toured Putnamville Correctional Facility.

Correctional Industrial Facility's Family Management Department recently held a Caregiver Appreciation Ceremony for the Inside Out Dads program. Approximately 60-70 caregivers and children attended and were honored by the fathers with certificates of appreciation.

The Hendricks County Flyer featured Reception Diagnostic Center Superintendent Steve McCauley in an article highlighting his history with the Department and his goals for RDC.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility recently participated in the Fresh Favorites Promotion for “March Madness” over the Final Four weekend. The meal of pizza, cookies, and soda was planned, prepared, and served by offenders currently in the Inmate to Workmate Phase II program as part of their ongoing training in areas such as customer service, operations, and marketing. All seven offenders in Phase II participated from start to finish on this promotion.

Correctional Industrial Facility recently hosted a PLUS Advisory Board meeting where new Religious Services Coordinators were introduced and 4th quarter PLUS statistics were discussed.